

INL celebrates second anniversary

Feb. 1, 2007, marked the two-year anniversary of the new Idaho National Laboratory (INL). INL is one of only 10 multiprogram national laboratories owned by the U.S. Department of Energy. Geographically, INL is the largest lab its nearly 570,000 acres also serving as a national environmental research park. As with its sister laboratories, INL performs work in support of each of the Department of Energys four strategic goal areas energy, defense, environment and science.

"I am immensely proud of the work done at INL and the contribution Idahoans are making to the national security and energy security of our nation," said Rep. Mike Simpson. "Thank you for your efforts over the past two years and please know that the entire Idaho Congressional Delegation is working hard to support you and INL in Washington, D.C."

Moving forward, INL is planning to concentrate its considerable resources on six critical outcomes. These include:

1. Nuclear science and technology programs that target the greatest challenges to a technically, economically and environmentally compelling nuclear energy option for our nation and world.
2. National/homeland security, energy and environmental programs that leverage our nuclear capabilities, making substantial contributions to national missions.
3. A robust science base as the foundation for mission-enabling discoveries a science base that attracts and holds pre-eminent scientists and engineers to INL. It will foster scientific inquiry while sustaining a passion for mission development.
4. A central role in revitalizing nuclear science, technology and engineering education in the United States while helping the three Idaho research universities achieve world-class status in these areas.
5. Extensive collaborations with the premier academic, government and industrial nuclear science and technology organizations in the world bringing their research and expertise to bear on INLs demanding missions.
6. The forefront research facilities, support infrastructure and management systems essential to delivering world-class research while operating to the highest standards of safety, environmental protection and efficiency and helping restore public confidence in nuclear energy through operational excellence.

For INL, achieving these attributes will place it at the pinnacle of nuclear research, development, deployment and education while broadening its multiprogram base and diversifying its science signatures, infrastructure, reputation and future mission capabilities.

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